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**ACTION MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** SPCSA Authority Board  
**FROM:** Danny Peltier, Management Analyst IV, SPCSA  
**SUBJECT:** **Democracy Prep at the Agassi Campus– Charter Amendment Request to Reduce its Enrollment Cap**  
**DATE:** May 15, 2026

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**Summary of Request and Recommendation**

Democracy Prep at the Agassi Campus (DPAC) has submitted an amendment application requesting that the State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) approve a request to reduce its enrollment cap.

SPCSA staff has reviewed the application and recommends that the Authority approve the amendment request. A proposed motion can be found on page 2 of this memo.

**Background and Overview of the Amendment**

DPAC is located at 1201 W Lake Mead Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89106. DPAC serves grades K – 12 and had 927 students enrolled as of the 2025 Validation Day.

According to the amendment application, the proposed enrollment cap reduction ensures that the charter contract accurately reflects DPAC’s current scale, financial model, and enrollment trajectory, while positioning DPAC for long-term stability and improved student outcomes. Additionally, according to the amendment application, DPAC has already aligned its financial planning to current and projected enrollment levels. Operating under an inflated enrollment cap can create unnecessary pressure on: staffing models, budget assumptions, and resource allocation

DPAC’s FY27 budget has been developed based on actual enrollment and conservative projections, ensuring responsible fiscal management. While temporary funding protections (such as hold harmless provisions) have provided short-term stability for the current school year, long-term sustainability requires structural alignment between enrollment and funding.

The proposed enrollment cap for DPAC will be:

<b>School Year</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>2028-29</b>
Grade Levels	K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12
Enrollment Cap	920	984	1053	1124

### **Legal Authority**

Existing charter schools that are sponsored by the SPCSA may submit a charter school contract amendment application to the SPCSA – which is reviewed by SPCSA staff and presented for SPCSA Board action – to, among other things, increase enrollment, add grade levels above and beyond what the charter school is approved to serve, or add a new campus. When determining whether to approve an amendment request, the sponsor considers the charter school’s compliance with applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations and evidence relating to the academics, finance and organization of the charter school.<sup>1</sup>

### **Analysis and Staff Recommendation**

When reviewing an amendment application for RFA eligibility, SPCSA staff reviews the academic, financial and organizational performance of the applicant charter school. DPAC’s elementary school was rated as 1-star on the 2024 – 25 NSPF and was rated as Does Not Meets Standard on the SPCSA’s Academic Performance Framework. The middle school received a 2-star rating on the NSPF but did Meet Standard on the SPCSA’s Academic Performance Framework. The high school was rated as 3-star but Did not Meet Standard on the SPCSA Academic Performance Framework. DPAC was rated as Partially Compliance on the SPCSA’s 2024 – 25 Organizational Performance Framework and was rated as Meets the Standard on the SPCSA’s Financial Performance Framework.

Regarding the amendment request, SPCSA staff is recommending approval. DPAC is implementing a transition with the separation of the school from its CMO. This cap reduction will allow the local board and leaders of the school to have clear, attainable, enrollment targets through the remainder of the charter term while still maintaining financial viability.

**Proposed Motion: Approve Democracy Prep’s request to reduce its enrollment cap as detailed in the recommendation memo:**

If approved, the enrollment cap for DPAC will be:

<b>School Year</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>2028-29</b>
Grade Levels	K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12
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The current enrollment cap for DPAC is:

<b>School Year</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>2028-29</b>
Grade Levels	K-12	K-12	K-12	K-12
Enrollment Cap	1310	1310	1310	1310

<sup>1</sup> NAC 388A.400(8) and NRS 388A.276

**Enrollment and Demographic Information - DPAC**

Year	Total Enrolled	A %	B %	C %	H %	I %	M %	P %	ELL %	FRL %	IEP %
2020-2021	1098	0.6	59.6	2.6	33.8	0.0	2.8	0.2	11.2	>95.0	9.4
2021-2022	1147	0.4	63.2	2.0	31.6	0.0	2.2	0.2	8.2	>95.0	8.6
2022-2023	1258	0.4	69.7	1.9	25.9	0.0	1.6	0.2	10.1	>95.0	10.3
2023-2024	1278	0.2	75.1	1.5	21.2	0.0	1.4	0.3	8.9	>95.0	11.8
2024-2025	1205	0.0	77.5	0.6	20.1	0.0	1.2	0.2	9.7	>95.0	11.2
2025-2026	927	0.0	75.7	0.5	21.6	0.1	1.6	0.4	9.8	>95.0	11.4

A – Asian

B – Black

C – Caucasian

H – Hispanic

I – American Indian/Alaskan Native

M – Two or more races

P – Pacific Islander

IEP – Individualized Education Plan – A student with a disability/special education student

ELL – English Language Learner

FRL – A student who qualifies for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch

\* - Suppressed data due to n-count

**Organizational Performance**

Year	Findings & Framework Results
2020 – 2021	Meets Standard
2021 – 2022	Meets Standard
2022 – 2023	Meets Standard
2023 – 2024	Meets Standard
2024 – 2025	Partially Compliant

**Financial Performance**

Year	Findings & Framework Results
2020 – 2021	Meets the Standard
2021 – 2022	Does Not Meet Standard—Notice of Concern
2022 – 2023	Does Not Meet Standard—Notice of Concern
2023 – 2024	Meets the Standard
2024 – 2025	Meets the Standard

## Academic Performance

<b>2021–2022 NSPF Index Score</b>	Elementary: 46.5 Middle: 57.5 High: 45.2
<b>2021–2022 SPCSA Academic Performance Score / Rating</b>	Elementary: 53.9 / Meets Standard Middle: 69.5 / Meets Standard High: 39.1 / Does Not Meet Standard
<b>2022–2023 NSPF Index Score / Star Rating</b>	Elementary: 35.0 / 2-star Middle: 57.0 / 3-star High: 57.0 / 3-star
<b>2022–2023 SPCSA Academic Performance Score / Rating</b>	Elementary: 44.0 / Does Not Meet Standard Middle: 69.2 / Meets Standard High: 53.2 / Meets Standard
<b>2023–2024 NSPF Index Score / Star Rating</b>	Elementary: 19.0 / 1-star Middle: 38.5 / 2-star High: 50 / 3-star
<b>2023–2024 SPCSA Academic Performance Score / Rating</b>	Elementary: 25.4 / Does Not Meet Standard Middle: 47.1 / Does Not Meet Standard High: 43.0 / Does Not Meet Standard
<b>2024–2025 NSPF Index Score / Star Rating</b>	Elementary: 18.5 / 1-star Middle: 44.5 / 2-star High: 53.5 / 3-star
<b>2024–2025 SPCSA Academic Performance Score / Rating</b>	Elementary: 33.7 / Does Not Meet Standard Middle: 56.7 / Meets Standard High: 45.2 / Does Not Meet Standard